

## JOURNAL AND UNION.

HANNIBAL, MO., JANUARY 29, 1852.

**REMOVAL.**—We have made arrangements for removing our office today, to the room over STOVER & HORN'S Clothing Store, on MAIN STREET.

**FIRE! FIRE!!**

Our office has suffered from one of those flaming visitations, that will sometimes occur, in spite of the greatest care. Last Saturday night this office was discovered to be on fire about 7 o'clock, and by prompt exertions on the part of our friends was extinguished, but not until a considerable quantity of material was destroyed.

We must here return our warm acknowledgments to our friends of the "Messenger" and "Courier" for assistance. We are indebted to the "Messenger" for the use of their press, the tax list, markets, and all the matter that appears on the inside of this paper, except this column and one of miscellaneous matter from the "Courier."

We hope to get what is left of the office repaired, and be ready to go to work again, in the course of a week or two. In the meantime we earnestly request all in debt to us to pay up, for we shall need all they owe, although the insurance money, payable in ninety days, will cover the damages.

We must be pardoned, under the circumstances, for sending to some of our subscribers burnt and damaged sheets, and to others but half a sheet, this week. We had printed the first side when the fire took place; the paper thus half printed was burnt on the edges, and part of it entirely ruined. We save all of this we can, and finish the edition on half sheets. The labor of restoring the office to order may render it necessary to issue one or two more numbers on half sheets; but after that we shall print the paper as usual.

We must again thank our friends who put out the fire; for one quarter of an hour more headway would have been ruin—the whole amount of insurance would not have covered one-third of the loss.

How the fire occurred is beyond our power to tell. We at first thought it the work of an incendiary, but the absence of any imaginable motive precludes that idea. If it was done to set somebody else on fire, our office certainly had papers enough to raise a sudden blaze; but then it would seem that even an incendiary would have sense enough to put the fire where he wanted it in the first place. Therefore, all we can state is, that we were careful; that notwithstanding our care the fire took place.

**THE FLORAL FESTIVAL.**

Last Monday evening, was a scene such as one likes to store away in one corner of the heart, with a pleasant consciousness that it is destined to be brought forth frequently by memory, in coming years, and gazed upon as you would look on a pleasing picture. It was not the gay arch, or the green cedar, or the bright flowers, though these were all tasteful decorations; it was not alone the white dresses, or the pretty wreaths, or the handsome happy faces, or even the beautiful music that we heard from the sixty very young ladies; or the pleasant countenances of the crowded audience; but it was the certainty that the hearts of five hundred people were beating quicker at the same time with freshened feelings of delight.

By the way, a very amiable and benevolent young gentleman said to us very solemnly, that evening—we know he was in raptures, for he looked it—"Would that all those pretty young creatures had but one neck, that I might kiss them all at once!"—a parody, you know, on the horrid wish of the Roman tyrant; and a very extravagant idea.

The Queen sang very sweetly and skillfully, and we heard her admired on every hand.

The "Echo"—we heard it yet—it fell so softly, sweetly and naturally on the ear.

"Pretty Bird" deserved to be repeated, as it was—and the little singer merited the admiration awarded to her.

"Laughing May" had to be sung three times. It rang so joyously, that we know it touched chords in many a heart there that night, which had been seared over by care, long years ago.

We can't particularize any more; but for three weeks' training, the performance of all the girls was certainly astonishing, and reflected infinite credit on the teacher, Mr. PACKARD.

Of course we must have another Floral Festival; Mr. PACKARD should by all means be encouraged to take up a second school.

We cannot close this hurried notice without inserting a very sensible remark Mr. PACKARD made to the audience:—"Only get on the right side of children," said he, "and you may make what you will of them."

We agree with the "Messenger" in the views expressed in an article copied into another column—that township meetings should be held to select delegates to the County Convention, to be held at Palmyra, on the first Monday in April, and that this County Convention should nominate Candidates for the Legislature, and select two delegates from the county to the State Convention; and that the most appropriate place and time for holding the latter would be at St. Louis, and on the third Monday in April; indeed, this whose matter is now fully settled.

Last Thursday night about forty young people organized under the title of the "First Regiment of Dancers," made a descent upon the City Hotel, commanded by Col. GRIMES, and took it by "storm." The Colonel surrendered without resistance, and treated the "enemy," not only to a dance in a well adapted room, but feasted them sumptuously. If Col. GRIMES can find so much to entertain his friends with in a "storm," what must he be able to do when all is "calm?"

**Whig State Convention.**

It is now a settled matter that the Whig State Convention, will be held in the city of St. Louis, on the third Monday in April. The time and place meet the entire approbation of the Whigs in this section. Whilst we were willing to go wherever the majority might designate, we thought St. Louis the proper place for the meeting. Let the Whigs of this section, now go to work and organize. Let each township in this county hold a meeting, and send delegates to the County Convention, at Palmyra the first Monday in April. At the Palmyra convention, two delegates will be chosen to represent this county in the State Convention, and also two candidates will be selected for the Legislature. Every Whig will see the necessity of early action & a thorough organization. We hope to see every county in the State represented at St. Louis, so that the best men may be selected for the various offices in the State. Our friends will remember that this convention will nominate a candidate for each of the following offices, viz: Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and Register of Public Lands, and Select Delegates to the National Convention, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Presidency. Let every township in the State hold a meeting and prepare for the contest which is so near at hand—let every Whig determine to do his entire duty in this, to Missouri, most important struggle. With energy and concert of action in the Whig ranks, another victory awaits the party more glorious than the last. The Democratic party is divided in every county in the State. Discord and confusion in the Locofoco ranks, which can never be reconciled, admonish the Whigs to be true to themselves, their party, and their country, and now that we have the second opportunity of freeing Missouri from the misrule of Locofocism, let us not throw it away.

**WHIG STATE CONVENTION.**

This Convention will be held in St. Louis, on the third Monday in April next.

We are sorry to learn that the health of Mr. J. B. Crockett is such as to compel him to abandon for a while, the editorial control of the St. Louis Intelligencer. We hope a little recreation and change of climate, will soon restore him to his accustomed health and that he will be able to stand at his post during the political contest which will soon open in this State.

The Danville Herald has a "devil," who thinks this is a "great" world. He says that at the office they charge him with all the pie they "do" find, while at the house they charge him with all they don't find. He seems to doubt the "propriety" of the proceedings.

**FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS DESTROYED**

BY A WATER SPOUT.—On Saturday intelligence was received at Lloyd's, London, under date Malta, Monday, the 8th ultimo, of a most awful occurrence at the Island of Sicily, which had been swept by two enormous water spouts, accompanied by a terrific hurricane. Those who witnessed the phenomena describes the water spouts as two immense spherical bodies of water reaching from the clouds, their cones nearly touching the earth, and, as far as could be judged, at a quarter of a mile apart, travelling with immense velocity. They passed over the island near Marsala. In their progress houses were unroofed, trees uprooted, men and women, horses, cattle, and sheep raised up, drawn into the vortex, and borne on to destruction; during their passage, rain descended in cataracts, accompanied with hail-stones of enormous size and masses of ice. Going over Castellamara, near Stabia, it destroyed half the town, and washed two hundred of the inhabitants into the sea, who all perished. Upwards of five hundred persons have been destroyed by this terrible visitation, and an immense amount of property, the country being laid waste for miles. The shipping in the harbor suffered severely, many vessels being destroyed, and their crews drowned. After the occurrence numbers of dead human bodies were picked up, all frightfully mutilated and swollen.

**THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.**

No reflecting man can fail to see that the fifty-two visits in a year of a carefully conducted paper, intelligent, correct, elevated in its moral tone, and withal interesting in its contents, must exert a great and blessed influence upon domestic life. Children growing up under such influences are far more likely to be intelligent, correct in their opinions and morals, and better prepared for the active duties of life than they could possibly have been without it.

A NEWSPAPER DOG.—The Albany Knickerbocker boasts that it has in its office a dog that will lick any dog in the State for natural sagacity. It belongs to one of the carriers, which it accompanies in its round of delivery of about six hundred papers. The carrier felt sick but said the dog would do his duty, and sure enough he did. A boy carrying the papers followed the dog, which stopped and wagged his tail at the house of every subscriber, never missing one of the six hundred subscribers. At the door of all subscribers who had not paid for their papers for a length of time the dog was heard to howl.

**NOTICE.**—By virtue and in pursuance of an ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Hannibal and approved January the 11th, 1852, and entitled "An ordinance to provide for the collection of the unpaid portion of the special tax for quieting the Vail Claim, approved June 16th 1851," I do hereby notify all persons who may be interested herein, or who may in any way be concerned, that the taxes aforesaid which have been levied by the said ordinance upon the lots, out lots and part of lots not below, although due to the City of Hannibal, have not been paid, and unless the said taxes shall have been paid before the day of sale, the following lots, out lots, and part of lots, or such portions of them as may be necessary to discharge the said taxes and costs, will be, by me, offered for sale and sold in the manner as is provided by the aforesaid ordinance, on Monday the 1st day of March next at the City Hall in the City of Hannibal. The sale aforesaid shall begin at 10 o'clock in the morning of that day and be continued from day to day until all are sold.

January 29th, 1852. JOSHUA MITCHELL, Special Collector.

Dimensions.	Lot.	Block.	Out Lot.	Acres.	Ass.	Am't.
Aldridge R	35 ft x 144 part	14	106	69	150	750
Arnold Wm H		15	106	88	50	250
Askins Alexander		16	106		50	250
Appel L W	E 1-2	1	47		150	750
Buchanan Robert	7 1-2 ft x 35 Main St.	5	7		100	500
	13 ft x 142 "	6	7		500	2500
	82 ft x 65 1-2 Bird	1	10		800	4000
	43 1-2 ft x 60 Main	1	10		800	4000
	40 ft x 65 Alley	6	19		50	250
	W 1-2	4	28		200	1000
		7	114		50	250
		8	114		50	250
Buckner Stanton	S 1-2	1	26		200	1000
Buchanan J S	S 1-2	7	27		150	750
		8	47		200	1000
Barnes Sarah		5	47		200	1000
		1	44		300	1500
		6	51		300	1500
		6	35		300	1500
Bates M D		1	6		1000	5000
Buchanan A M		8	44		200	1000
Buley E A Mrs	32 9-12 ft x 82 Alley	3	49		70	350
Same	50 ft x 65 1-2 Market	1	42		100	500
Same	20 ft x 32 9-12 Bird	8	7		200	1000
Blakely R W	106 ft x 65 1-2	4	19		500	2500
	35 ft x 65 1-2 Bird	8	10		250	1250
Bower J C	30 ft x 142 Main	3	10		1200	6000
Same	5 1-2 ft x 142 Main	4	10			
Same	S E 1-4	6	10		100	500
Bowen Stephen, heirs		5	44		300	1500
Bathrop T E A	65 1-2 x 100	2	37		200	1000
Campbell Wm R	28 ft x 142	3	12		800	4000
Crawley A F		1	41		300	1500
Collins H W	45 1-2 x 70	5	6		1350	6750
Same	22 ft x 65 1-2 Bird	5	6		400	2000
Same		5	19		400	2000
Same	35 ft x 65 1-2 North	5	9		100	500
Same	38 ft x 142 Main	7	7		1000	5000
Same	18 ft x 142 Main	7	7		400	2000
Same	20 ft x 65 1-2 Hill	1	9		200	1000
Clark J J		9	111		50	250
Clemens Orion		7	49		200	1000
Calvert Ralls	26 ft x 65 1-2 Alley	5	12		300	1500
Cleaver Wm T	53 ft x 65 1-2 Middle	8	33		300	1500
Crossen Thos	S 1-2	6	15		150	750
Cavan Frank	N 1-2	1	28		225	1125
Davis Wm R	W end 26 1-2 ft 36	2	26		150	750
Same	E end 23 x 16	2	26		100	500
Same	97 ft x 453				50	250
Same	30 ft x 160				100	500
Same	84 ft x 200				400	2000
Elliot John	20 ft 65 1-2 Alley	3	21		400	2000
Elgin Ch L	30 ft x 165	7	8		80	400
Feldt P & J	23 ft x 80 Alley	7	8		15	1
Frazier John	part	8	6		100	500
Farris O A		5	6		1600	8000
Garnsey Mrs		8	27		200	1000
Garnett J R	W 1-2	8	27		150	750
Harrison S J	S 1-2	4	30		200	1000
Hyde J W	16 ft x 32 9-12	8	7		250	1250
Same	20 ft 60 Alley	6	7		200	1000
Same	100 ft x 65 1-2 Bird	5	11		500	2500
Hyde W W	40 ft x 65 1-2	2	8		1100	5500
Haynes D Mrs	30 ft x 70	2	27		150	750
Hawkins A E Mrs	40 ft x 65 1-2	1	30		100	500
Honeyman R D	W 1-2	6	8		400	2000
Houghton Jonas	20 feet x 65 1-2	4	19		150	750
Holliday M S Mrs	part	4	4		200	1000
Herrn Wm		8	23-4		600	3000
Hawkins Eliza		7	21-4		150	750
Same		3	31-2		200	1000
Holt IL	S 1-2	3	22		80	400
Same	und'd 1-5	2	22		100	500
Same	2-3 S side	7	46		100	500
Holt I L, Garding Shockly	1-3	7	46		60	300
Holt R F		10	113		50	250
Ingraham Allie		4	38		200	1000
Ingraham Mary		2	47		200	1000
Same		8	38		50	250
Same		12	111		50	250
Same		14	111		200	1000
Johnson Henry		3	39		200	1000
Johnson M & E	37 1-2 ft x 142	2	18		200	1000
Johnson P P, estate	4-5	2	12		300	1500
Keith Doct.	64 ft x 65 1-2	2	12		200	1000
Ketchum John		2	102		50	250
Same		8	192		50	250
Kudell Mrs.		7	11		250	1250
King B B	S 1-2	6	32		200	1000
Lea Thos D	N 1-2	3	49		200	1000
Lea W D	42 ft x 65 1-2	13	113		125	625
Lea O H P		2	43		200	1000
Luck E A Mrs	40 ft x 142	2	43		225	1125
Laycraft U V	200 ft x 100	6	49		200	1000
Lohrey Frederick	undivided 1-2	14	53		300	1500
Longmire Jno J	part	89	4		200	1000
Lovering C W	part	16	51-2		300	1500
Same	95 ft x 65 1-2	42	51-2		150	750
McLane Wm C	part	17	6		150	750
Masteron Robert		2	11		150	750
Miller Harson	1-3	6	8		200	1000
Miller John F	25 ft x 90	6	19		100	500
Mahan Jas F		4	9		800	4000
Same		6	8		200	1000
Mead & Spaulding	1-3	7	2		500	2500
Same		8	2		500	2500
Same		4	20		300	1500
Moss Joseph	part	7	12		450	2250
Morton Geo		21	10-12 x 142		90	200
Markel Cath. Mrs	78 ft x 65 1-2	2	46		300	1500
McDonald A B		9	112		50	250
McGuire Felix		10	112		50	250
Miller Mrs		9	114		50	250
Same		10	114		50	250
McCallough J T		5	48		300	1500
Same		13	113		50	250
Same		16	113		200	1000
McDonald Angus	33 feet x 842	44	34		30	150
Same	west lots	58	33		600	3000
Same		1,3,4,5, 61			600	3000
Same		5, 7, 8, 52			150	750
Same		5, 6, 7, 50			300	1500
Same	55 1-2 x 100	4	35		200	1000
Same	und'd 1-2	103			400	2000
Same	" 1-2	115			400	2000
Same		1,2,3,4,7,8, 13			500	2500
Same	fraction	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 14			600	3000
Same		45			500	2500
Same		42			500	2500
Same	15 ft x 100 Pal. ave pt	89			25	125
Same		43			4	200
Same		44			3	150
Same		45			4	200
Same		76			4	200

**Conclusion of Mr. Hall's Speech.**

I hope gentlemen will not oppose this policy because the new States are to be its immediate beneficiaries. What would be thought if the west should vote against a proposition to fortify an important seaport because the money necessary to that purpose would be expended on the coast? Why, everybody would say, such a motive is unworthy an American citizen. Will, you, then, apply a rule to the new States, when, if sought to be applied to the old States, would be repudiated as disgraceful in its conception and purpose? Rather inquire whether the propositions relative to grants of land to the west, are for the benefit of the nation and within your constitutional power. And being satisfied in the affirmative on both propositions, do not withhold your support because the donations is to a new State.

**Proceedings of a Public Meeting.**

Held by the citizens of Hannibal, Marion county Missouri, at Benton Hall, Saturday evening, January 24th 1852.

By request of the Chairman, Mr. J. F. Hawkins explained in his usual sensible style, the object of the meeting and in a favorable manner showed the actual necessity for the citizens of Hannibal and surrounding country, going to work in building good and permanent plank roads.

On motion, of Mr. J. F. Hawkins, the chair appointed Messrs. Hawkins, Selmes and Waugh, a committee to report resolutions to this meeting, which resolutions were reported as follows, and adopted:

1. Resolved, That in the opinion of the meeting, a plank road from here to New London, Ralls county, and also one from here to Paris, in Monroe county Missouri, ought to be, can be, and shall be built.

2. Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting, appoint five persons a committee of correspondence, whose duty it shall be to forthwith open a correspondence with our fellow citizens in Ralls and Monroe counties, and make arrangements to carry out the object of this meeting at as early a day as practicable, and that the Chairman be added to that committee.

3. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to draft and arrange articles of association under the general plank road law of this State.

4. Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the time has arrived when it is the duty of the citizens and authorities of the city of Hannibal to act expediently and to furnish material aid and to put said road under contract as soon as our fellow citizens of Ralls and Monroe counties can have time to organize and act with us.